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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In the Specification, please make the following amendments:

On page 1, following line 8, after the first paragraph of the section titled "Priority," please insert the following:

This application is a divisional application claiming priority to application serial no. 09/511,847 filed February 24, 2000, currently pending.

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On page 1, please amend the paragraphs at lines 14-22 as follows:

U.S. Patent Application No. (2204/A12) 09/512,576 entitled APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR BINDING A CONNECTION-ORIENTED CLIENT TO A COMMUNICATION CHANNEL, which was filed in the name of Richard Crump on even date herewith February 24,

2000;

U.S. Patent Application No. (2204/A13) 09/511,744 entitled MANAGING ADDRESSES IN A COMMUNICATION SYSTEM, which was filed in the names of Richard Crump and

Debra Guttormsen on even date herewith February 24, 2000; and

U.S. Patent Application No. (2204/A14) 09/511,777 entitled ENCODING ADDRESSES IN A COMMUNICATION SYSTEM, which was filed in the names of Okoziem Allen and Richard Crump on even date herewith February 24, 2000.

Respectfully Submitted,

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